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From: Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District
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Subj: SOLAS RESCUE BOATS AND THEIR ENGINES

1. Enclosed, for your information, is a copy of COMDT (G-MSE-4)'s subject letter.


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To: SOLAS Rescue Boat Manufacturers
Inspecting Independent Laboratories

Subject: SOLAS RESCUE BOATS AND THEIR ENGINES

It has come to our attention that some USCG approval certificates do not list the approved SOLAS outboard engines to be fitted on approved SOLAS rescue boats intended for use with outboard engines. This letter is to remind all manufacturers that the submitted and approved plans list a certain engine, or engines, that are approved to be provided on a boat that is sold as USCG approved or fitted with USCG approval markings. A boat designed for an outboard engine may be sold without an engine if adequate information is provided to advise the owner of what engine(s) is/are approved for the boat. (Note that the local OCMI has authority to approve other arrangements for non-SOLAS rescue boats.)

All USCG approved SOLAS rescue boats must be provided with an engine that is both from our list of approved engines and which was tested with the boat and listed on the approved plans. A boat that is sold as USCG approved or fitted with USCG approval markings must be fitted with an engine that meets both criteria.

Those manufacturer's USCG approval certificates that do not list the approved SOLAS engines will be updated to include the approved engines as soon as possible.

Most recently we have been asked if a Suzuki engine is approved for any approved boat. There are presently no Suzuki engines on our approved list. The Suzuki engine is not acceptable for use on any approved SOLAS rescue boat.

If you have questions on this matter, please contact Mr. Wehr of my staff at the above address or phone number, or by e-mail at SWehr@comdt.uscg.mil.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R.L. Markle".

R.L. MARKLE

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